

Claims

1 1. A method for analyzing application needs of an entity, comprising the steps of:
2 inventorying a set of entity applications;
3 formulating a set of questions related to an entity application based on a
4 business strategy corresponding to the entity; and
5 receiving entity responses to the set of questions.

1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of weighting possible
2 responses to the set of questions based on the business strategy.

3 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the step weighting responses comprises the
4 step of assigning a value for each possible response to the set of questions.

5 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of analyzing the received
6 responses to make a set of recommendations.

7 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of generating a report based
8 on the received entity responses.

9 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the entity applications are grouped by business
10 process.

1 7. A method for analyzing application needs of an entity, comprising the steps of:
2 inventorying a set of entity applications;
3 formulating a set of questions related to an entity application based on a
4 business strategy corresponding to the entity;
5 weighting possible responses to the set of questions based on the business
6 strategy;
7 receiving entity responses to the set of questions; and
8 analyzing the entity responses to make a set of recommendations.

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11 8. The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of generating a report based
12 on the entity responses.

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15 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the report includes the recommendations.

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18 10. The method of claim 7, wherein the weighted responses are formulated by
19 assigning a value to each possible response to the set of questions.

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22 11. The method of claim 7, wherein the set of recommendations is made by
23 analyzing values corresponding to the entity responses.

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25 12. The method of claim 11, wherein analyzing values comprises comparing the
26 values corresponding to the entity responses to a predetermined value.

1 13. A method for analyzing application needs of an entity, comprising the steps
2 of:

3 inventorying a set of entity applications;
4 formulating a set of questions and possible responses related to an entity
5 application based on a business strategy corresponding to the entity;
6 weighting the possible responses for each question with an assigned value
7 based on the business strategy;
8 receiving entity responses to the set of questions;
9 analyzing values corresponding to the entity responses; and
10 making a set of recommendations based on the analysis.

11 14. The method of claim 13, wherein the set of recommendations is selected from
12 the group consisting of: eliminating the entity application, modifying the entity
13 application, adding a new application, or switching between applications.

14 15. The method of claim 13, wherein the analysis is made by comparing values
15 corresponding to the entity responses to predetermined values.

1 16. A system for analyzing application needs of an entity, comprising:
2 an inventory system for inventorying entity applications;
3 a query system for providing a set of questions and weighted responses
4 related to an entity application, wherein the set of questions and weighted
5 responses are formulated based on a business strategy corresponding to the entity;
6 and
7 a review system for analyzing entity responses to the set of questions.

1 17. The system of claim 16, further comprising an examination system for
2 receiving the entity responses.

3 18. The system of claim 16, wherein the query system formulates the set of
4 questions and weighted responses based on the business strategy.

5 19. The system of claim 16, wherein the query system retrieves the set of
6 questions and weighted responses from a database.

7 20. The system of claim 16, wherein the review system compares values
8 corresponding to the entity responses to a predetermined value.

9 21. The system of claim 16, further comprising a recommendation system for
10 making recommendations based on the entity responses.

1 22. A system for analyzing application needs of an entity, comprising:
2 an inventory system for inventorying entity applications;
3 a query system for providing a set of questions and weighted responses
4 related to an entity application, wherein the set of questions and weighted
5 responses are formulated based on a business strategy corresponding to the entity;
6 an examination system for receiving entity responses to the set of
7 questions;
8 a review system for analyzing values corresponding to the entity
9 responses; and
10 a recommendation system for making a set of recommendations based on
11 the analyzed values.

12 23. The system of claim 22, wherein the query system formulates the set of
13 questions and weighted responses based on the business strategy.

14 24. The system of claim 22, wherein the query system retrieves the set of
15 questions and weighted responses from a database.

1 25. The system of claim 22, wherein the review system compares values
2 corresponding to the entity responses to a predetermined value.

1 26. A program product stored on a recordable medium for analyzing application
2 needs of an entity, which when executed, comprises:
3 an inventory system for inventorying entity applications;
4 a query system for providing a set of questions and weighted responses
5 related to an entity application, wherein the set of questions and weighted
6 responses are formulated based on a business strategy corresponding to the entity;
7 and
8 a review system for analyzing entity responses to the set of questions.

13 27. The program product of claim 26, further comprising an examination system
24 for receiving the entity responses.

16 28. The program product of claim 26, wherein the query system formulates the set
27 of questions and weighted responses based on the business strategy.

17 29. The program product of claim 26, wherein the review system compares values
2 corresponding to the entity responses to a predetermined value.

1 30. The program product of claim 26, further comprising a recommendation
2 system for making recommendations based on the entity responses.

1 31. A computer system for analyzing application needs of an entity, comprising:
2 a processor;
3 a computer system memory;
4 an interface; and
5 a software product stored on the computer system memory and executable
6 by the processor, wherein the software product comprises:
7 an inventory system for inventorying entity applications;
8 a query system for providing a set of questions and weighted
9 responses related to an entity application, wherein the set of questions and
10 weighted responses are formulated based on a business strategy
11 corresponding to the entity; and
12 a review system for analyzing entity responses to the set of
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1 35. The computer system of claim 31, further comprising a recommendation
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